AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Upon entry of this amendment, the following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the pending application.

Please cancel claims 1-64, 68-74 and 77-79 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

Please amend the remaining claims as follows:

Claims 1-64 (canceled)

65. (presently amended) A modular display system comprising:
a base assembly;
a first support arm, operably coupled to said base assembly;
a second support arm secured to said first support arm and having at least a pair of coupling assemblies for securing to portions of first and second liquid crystal display (LCD) panels;
a third support arm secured to said first support arm and having at least one coupling assembly for supporting a third LCD panel on said third support arm; ~~The display system of claim 1, further comprising:~~

a column coupling assembly on the base assembly to operably couple the first support arm thereto; and

at least two coupling assemblies on the first arm to couple the second support arm and the third support arm, wherein the column coupling assembly and the coupling assemblies on the first, second and third support arms are substantially identical, and wherein said third support arm may be readily detached from said first support arm to enable said display system to be modularly configured as either a two panel LCD display system or as a three panel or greater LCD display system.

66. (presently amended) A modular display system comprising:
a base assembly;

a first support arm, operably coupled to said base assembly;
a second support arm secured to said first support arm and having at least a pair of coupling assemblies for securing to portions of first and second liquid crystal display (LCD) panels;
a third support arm secured to said first support arm and having at least one coupling assembly for supporting a third LCD panel on said third support arm, wherein said third support arm may be readily detached from said first support arm to enable said display system to be modularly configured as either a two panel LCD display system or as a three panel or greater LCD display system, and ~~The display system of claim 1,~~ wherein the display system is ~~modularly configured~~ modularly configurable as a system having two side-by-side panels, two vertically stacked panels, three panels in a pyramid shape, three panels in an inverted pyramid shape, and two horizontal panels above two horizontal panels.

67. (previously presented) The display system of claim 66, wherein at least one panel can assume a landscape orientation and a portrait orientation.

68-74 (canceled)

75. (presently amended) A modular support system for display panels, the system comprising:
a base structure;
a first support arm removably attachable to the base structure;
a second support arm removably attachable to the first support arm for supporting display panels;
a third support arm removably attachable to the first support arm for supporting display panels;
~~The modular support system of claim 73, further comprising:~~
three coupling assemblies on the first support arm; and
three coupling assemblies on the second support arm;
wherein:
a) the modular support system is configurable as a one-support arm system having the first support arm, a two-support arm system having the first and second support arms, and a three-support arm system having the first, second and third support arms,
b) in the one-support arm system, the first support arm can support at least two display panels,

c) ~~wherein,~~ in the one-support arm system, the first support arm can support two display panels in either landscape orientation, using one pair of the three coupling assemblies of the first support arm, or portrait orientation, using another pair of the three coupling assemblies of the first support arm,; and

d) ~~wherein,~~ in the two-support arm system, the second support arm can support two display panels in either landscape orientation, using one pair of the three coupling assemblies of the second support arm, or portrait orientation, using another pair of the three coupling assemblies of the second support arm.

76. (presently amended) A modular support system for display panels, the system comprising:

a base structure;

a first support arm removably attachable to the base structure;

a second support arm removably attachable to the first support arm for supporting display panels;

a third support arm removably attachable to the first support arm for supporting display panels;

~~The modular support system of claim 73, further comprising:~~

three coupling assemblies on the first support arm;

three coupling assemblies on the second support arm; and

three coupling assemblies on the third support arm;

wherein,

a) the modular support system is configurable as a one-support arm system having the first support arm, as a two-support arm system having the first and second support arms, and as a three-support arm system having the first, second and third support arms;

b) in the one-support arm system, the first support arm can support at least two display panels;

a~~c~~) in the one-support arm system, the first support arm can support two display panels in either landscape orientation, using one pair of the three coupling assemblies of the first support arm, or portrait orientation, using another pair of the three coupling assemblies of the first support arm,

b~~d~~) in the two-support arm system, the second support arm can support two display panels in either the landscape orientation, using one pair of the three coupling assemblies of the

second support arm, or portrait orientation, using another pair of the three coupling assemblies of the second support arm, and

ee) in the three-support arm system,

i) the second support arm can support two display panels in either landscape orientation, using one pair of the three coupling assemblies of the second support arm, or portrait orientation, using another pair of the three coupling assemblies of the second support arm, and

ii) the third support arm can support two display panels in either the landscape orientation, using one pair of the three coupling assemblies of the third support arm, or portrait orientation, using another pair of the three coupling assemblies of the third support arm.

77-79 (canceled)

80. (new) A modular display system comprising:
a base assembly;
a first support arm, operably coupled to said base assembly;
a second support arm secured to said first support arm and having at least one pair of coupling assemblies for securing to portions of first and second liquid crystal display (LCD) panels;
a third support arm secured to said first support arm and having at least one coupling assembly for supporting a third LCD panel on said third support arm; and
a column coupling assembly on the base assembly to operably couple the first support arm thereto, wherein said third support arm may be readily detached from said first support arm to enable said display system to be modularly configured as either a two panel LCD display system or as a three panel or greater LCD display system.

81. (new) The system of claim 80, wherein the base assembly is designed to rest on a work surface.

82. (new) The system of claim 80, wherein the at least one pair of coupling assemblies secure the rears of the first and second LCD panels to the second support arm.

83. (new) The system of claim 80, wherein the second support arm is integral and the third support arm is integral.

84. (new) The system of claim 80, further comprising the first, second and third LCD panels.

85. (new) A modular display system comprising:
a base assembly;
a first support arm, operably coupled to said base assembly;
a second support arm secured to said first support arm and having at least one pair of coupling assemblies for securing to portions of first and second liquid crystal display (LCD) panels;
a third support arm secured to said first support arm and having at least one coupling assembly for supporting a third LCD panel on said third support arm, wherein said third support arm may be readily detached from said first support arm to enable said display system to be modularly configured as either a two panel LCD display system or as a three panel or greater LCD display system, and wherein the display system is modularly configurable as a system having three panels in a pyramid shape and three panels in an inverted pyramid shape.

86. (new) The system of claim 85, wherein at least one panel can assume a landscape orientation and a portrait orientation.

87. (new) The system of claim 85, wherein the base assembly is designed to rest on a work surface.

88. (new) The system of claim 85, wherein the at least one pair of coupling assemblies secure the rears of the first and second LCD panels to the second support arm.

89. (new) The system of claim 85, wherein the second support arm is integral and the third support arm is integral.

90. (new) The system of claim 85, further comprising the first, second and third LCD panels.

91. (new) A modular support system for display panels, the system comprising:
a base structure;
a first support arm removably attachable to the base structure;

a second support arm removably attachable to the first support arm for supporting display panels;
a third support arm removably attachable to the first support arm for supporting display panels; and
two coupling assemblies for the second support arm to couple two display panels thereto;
wherein:
a) the modular support system is configurable as a one-support arm system having the first support arm, a two-support arm system having the first and second support arms, and a three-support arm system having the first, second and third support arms,
b) in the one-support arm system, the first support arm can support at least two display panels, at least one in either landscape orientation or portrait orientation, using the two coupling assemblies for the first support arm, and
c) in the two-support arm system, the second support arm can support two display panels, in either landscape or portrait orientations, using the coupling assemblies of the second support arm.

92. (new) The system of claim 91, wherein the base structure is designed to rest on a work surface.

93. (new) The system of claim 91, wherein the two coupling assemblies for the second support arm to couple two display panels thereto couple the rears of the two display panels to the second support arm.

94. (new) The system of claim 91, wherein the second support arm is integral and the third support arm is integral.

95. (new) A modular support system for display panels, the system comprising:
a base structure;
a first support arm removably attachable to the base structure;
a second support arm removably attachable to the first support arm for supporting display panels;
a third support arm removably attachable to the first support arm for supporting display panels;

two coupling assemblies for the first support arm to couple two display panels thereto;
two coupling assemblies for the second support arm to couple two display panels thereto; and
two coupling assemblies for the third support arm to couple two display panels thereto;
wherein,

a) the modular support system is configurable as a one-support arm system having the first support arm, as a two-support arm system having the first and second support arms, and as a three-support arm system having the first, second and third support arms;

b) in the one-support arm system, the first support arm can support at least two display panels, at least one in either landscape orientation or portrait orientation, using the two coupling assemblies for the first support arm,

c) in the two-support arm system, the second support arm can support two display panels, in either landscape orientation or portrait orientation, using the two coupling assemblies for the second support arm, and

d) in the three-support arm system,

i) the second support arm can support two display panels, and

ii) the third support arm can support two display panels, in either landscape orientation or portrait orientation, using the two coupling assemblies for the third support arm.

96. (new) The system of claim 95, wherein the base structure is designed to rest on a work surface.

97. (new) The system of claim 95, wherein the two coupling assemblies for the second support arm to couple two display panels thereto couple the rears of the two display panels to the second support arm.

98. (new) The system of claim 95, wherein the second support arm is integral and the third support arm is integral.